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SUBJECT: HISTADRUT SECRETARY GENERAL'S VISIT TO US

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1. DURING CALL ON NEA LABOR ADVISOR, SEPTEMBER 8, NEWLY-ASSIGNED ISRAELI LABOR ATTACHE BENJAMIN SELLA COMMENTED ON THE FLAP IN THE ISRAELI PRESS OVER HISTADRUT SECRETARY GENERAL YERUHAM MESHEL'S REPORTED APPEAL TO AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY FOR AMERICAN LABOR SUPPORT IN POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION WITH THE GOI. SELLA SAID THAT AS MESHEL WAS LEAVING MEANY'S OFFICE LAST WEEK, MEANY "HUMOROUSLY" SAID SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT IF MESHEL HAD ANY TROUBLE WITH THE GOVERNMENT HE COULD COUNT ON AFL-CIO SUPPORT. LATER IN THE DAY DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH LABOR REPORTERS, INCLUDING ISRAELI CONFIDENTIAL

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REPORTERS, MESHEL, PERHAPS INJUDICIOUSLY, REPEATED THE REMARK. ISRAELI REPORTER FOR MAARIV PICKED UP COMMENT AND REPORTED IT TO ISRAEL, WHERE IT APPARENTLY CAUSED AN UPROAR. SELLA NOTED THAT MAARIV IS NOT PRO-HISTADRUT AND INDICATED THAT MEANY'S COMMENT TO MESHEL WAS DELIBERATELY TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT.

2. SELLA WAS CAUTIOUS IN DISCUSSING POSSIBLE CONFLICTS BETWEEN HISTADRUT AND THE GOI. HE DID SAY THERE WERE AREAS OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT BUT THAT IT WAS STILL TOO EARLY TO TELL HOW THINGS WOULD TURN OUT. VANCE

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